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CIA RESPONDS TO CBS ALLEGATIONS THAT DCI "CHANGED" TESTIMONY

J CBS newsman Dan Rather's rendition of Director of Central Intelligence Casey's testimony to the House Foreign Affairs Committee on 11 December misleads the American public. The Director has not "changed" his testimony.

He has consistently told three separate Congressional committees that he was told in October that some Canadians claimed to have loaned money to persons who are said to have provided arms to Iranians. He promptly notified the NSC and suggested the NSC consult White House counsel. He did not have certain knowledge of any diversion of funds until the White House told him the evening before the Attorney General's announcement on 25 November 1986.

The Director's testimony remains what it has been from the beginning.

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